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## **European Day of Jewish Culture & Heritage**

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**Celebrate the History and Traditions of Britain's Jewish Community on the European Day of Jewish Culture and Heritage**  
**Sunday 5 September 2004**

**You are invited to discover and enjoy the remarkable legacy of synagogue architecture and other Jewish contributions to British culture and society over 300 years.**

Following the success of the past four years, selected historic synagogues in London and throughout the country will open their doors again, affording an insight into Jewish life and faith. You are offered a rare opportunity to see the fascinating interiors of unusual, mainly listed buildings, revealing a little-known aspect of Britain's architectural heritage.

An even greater number of synagogues will participate this year. Included are synagogues built in the 1700s onwards, where you can track British Jewry's migration across London and the UK, visiting some of the most beautiful and ornate examples of religious architecture created as the community began to flourish.

Choose from a wide range of cultural activities nationwide based on the European theme 'Judaism and Education', as well as special guided walks. Once again, London's East End welcomes you into its ever-popular historic synagogues while guided walks in the area will lead you through doors usually closed to the public.

Immerse yourself in the culture and heritage of Jewish East End life during a special 3-Day Residential Weekend. Explore Jewish family roots at a Genealogy Workshop; discover the beauty of Jewish calligraphy and try your hand at Hebrew script in a family workshop at Westminster Synagogue; marvel at priceless Hebrew illuminated manuscripts at the British Library; take your children to the Rosh Hashanah Workshop at the Jewish Museum in Camden; learn about the Czech Heritage at Northwood & Pinner Liberal Synagogue.

See the special preview of the 'Alfred Wolmark Rediscovered' Exhibition at the Ben Uri Art Gallery and Cyril Metliss's remarkable lino-cuts at Hendon United Synagogue. Enjoy the exhibitions at the Jewish Museums in London and Manchester. A wealth of Jewish experience awaits you all over the country.

**Full national listings of sites and events appear inside this leaflet**

**SUNDAY 12 SEPTEMBER**

Princes Road Synagogue, Liverpool, and Singers Hill Synagogue, Birmingham, will be open on Sunday 12

**We look forward to welcoming you. Enjoy!**

## The European Day of Jewish Culture and Heritage

The European Day of Jewish Culture and Heritage was launched in the Alsace in 1996 by the B'nai B'rith Lodge in Strasbourg. It has since gathered momentum and today is organised by a partnership between B'nai B'rith Europe, the European Council of Jewish Communities and Red de Juderias de Espana (Route of Jewish Spain), and is included in the Council of Europe's project, "Europe - A Common Heritage".

This year 25 countries will be taking part.

British participation is being organised by B'nai B'rith UK. Founded in 1843 in New York, B'nai B'rith International is today one of the largest Jewish voluntary service organisations active in charitable, human rights and communal work worldwide. With its headquarters in Washington, B'nai B'rith has members in 58 countries, 27 of which, including the United Kingdom, are affiliated to B'nai B'rith Europe, based in Brussels. Members of B'nai B'rith discover and enjoy the pleasure of companionship, a wealth of social and cultural programmes and the satisfaction of working together for the benefit of others.

Throughout its existence B'nai B'rith has been sensitive and swift to respond to the changing needs of society and the principles of Benevolence, Brotherly (and Sisterly) Love and Harmony, laid down at its inception, are as relevant today as they were in the middle of the nineteenth century.

B'nai B'rith UK would like to acknowledge the contribution of Jewish Heritage UK, the aim of which is to promote the protection and preservation of Britain's Jewish material cultural heritage and to encourage public access to historic Jewish buildings and sites nationwide.

The organisers would also like to thank the B'nai B'rith UK Lodges for their generous support and all those who are making this Open Day possible by opening their buildings to the public and/or organising events.

For further information about events on the European Day of Jewish Culture and Heritage, contact:

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# European Day of Jewish Culture and Heritage 2004

A fascinating journey through British Jewish history with open days, tours, exhibitions, lectures and other events

Sunday 5  
September 2004



## LONDON EVENTS

### LONDON EAST

#### Bevis Marks Synagogue

*Britain's oldest synagogue which celebrated its 300th anniversary in 2001. Grade 1 listed.*

Bevis Marks, EC3 11 am - 1 pm  
prompt  
D T TD S

#### Congregation of Jacob Synagogue

*Last remaining East European folk art synagogue in the East End which celebrated its centenary in 2003*

351-353 Commercial Road, E1  
10 am - 1 pm P T S

#### East London Central Synagogue (Nelson Street)

*Celebrating its 80th anniversary. Period synagogue of the 1920s by Lewis Solomon & Son*

◆ Event: RECEPTION, JEECS AGM AND AN EARLY EVENING WITH MIRIAM MARGOYLES (professional obligations permitting)  
4.30 - 7.00 pm (See Jewish East End Celebration Society) Synagogue open 2 - 4.15 pm 30-40 Nelson Street, E1

#### Fieldgate Street Great Synagogue

*Originally constructed in 1899 and part of the ethnic mix of East London*

41 Fieldgate Street, Whitechapel, E1  
10 am - 4 pm

#### Princelet Street, Museum of Immigration and Diversity and the old Synagogue

*Synagogue of 1870 built onto a Grade II\* listed Georgian town house once occupied by French Huguenot silk weavers.*

◆ Exhibition 'Suitcases and Sanctuary'  
Entry free, but voluntary donation welcome. 19 Princelet Street, Spitalfields, E1 12 noon - 5 pm T

#### Sandys Row Synagogue

*London's Dutch Synagogue housed in a Grade II Huguenot chapel built in 1766 and remodelled by Nathan S. Joseph in 1870.*

4a Sandys Row, E1 11 am - 4 pm  
T S

#### Sukkat Shalom Reform Synagogue

*New synagogue housed in the restored Victorian Wanstead Hospital Chapel, featuring interior fittings from the former Tottenham Jewish Home & Hospital. A model conservation project.*

1 Victory Road, Hermon Hill, E11  
2 - 5 pm D T P TD S

### LONDON WEST

#### New West End Synagogue

*London's most splendid synagogue interior. High Victorian 'orientalist' opulence, opened 1879 and Grade II\* listed*

St. Petersburg Place, Bayswater W2  
10 am - 2 pm D T S

#### West London Synagogue

*Britain's oldest Reform synagogue, opened in 1870, featuring an impressive pipe organ*

34 Upper Berkeley Street, W1  
11 am - 2 pm D L T TD S

#### Westminster Synagogue

*Czech Memorial Scrolls Centre. Exhibition telling the story of the rescue from Prague in 1964 of 1564 Torah scrolls, their restoration and distribution to communities throughout the world*

◆ Event: 'The Work of a Scribe' with Marc Michaels

Learn about the work of a scribe (sofer) then try your hand at Hebrew calligraphy. Family workshops (children & adults)  
11.30 am - 12.30 pm and 2 - 3 pm

Kent House, Rutland Gardens, SW7  
11 am - 5 pm D L T

#### Liberal Jewish Synagogue

*State-of-the-art auditorium rebuilt in 1992 behind Ernest Joseph's 1925 classical portico*

28 St. John's Wood Road, NW8  
11 am - 3 pm  
D L T TD S

#### Spanish & Portuguese Synagogue

*Quality Grade II listed 1890s synagogue with imposing domed roof*

9 Lauderdale Road, Maida Vale, W9  
9.30 am - 1 pm  
D T TD S

#### Hendon United Synagogue

*Fashionable 1930s suburban synagogue in red brick by Cecil Eprile*

'Behind the Ark' Heritage Centre  
◆ Event: A unique opportunity to view Cyril Metliss's collection of linocuts by modernist artists working in London in the 1920s and 30s, followed by an Introductory Lecture by Mr. Metliss.

Refreshments. Entrance: £3  
Enquiries: Leanne Newman  
020 8203 2668 Raleigh Close, NW4  
3.30 - 6.30 pm P T

#### Northwood and Pinner Liberal Synagogue

Saturday 4 September 10 am - 1 pm  
◆ Event: Experience a Synagogue Service  
Sunday 5 September 10 am - 1 pm

◆ Event: Visit a Synagogue and Explore its Czechoslovak Heritage.  
Contact: Ingrid Squire tel. 01923 822592

Oaklands Gate, Green Lane, Northwood, Middlesex, HA6 D  
T TD P S

### ALLIED EVENTS IN LONDON

#### JEWISH EAST END CELEBRATION SOCIETY (JEECS)

Sunday 29 August /Monday 30 August

(see Guided Walks)

Sunday 5 September 2.15 - 7 pm

A JEECS Celebration in two parts:

◆ 2.15 - 4.15 pm **The Dark Side of Stepney** led by Ed Glinert (See Guided Walks)

◆ 4.30 - 7 pm Reception, JEECS AGM and **An Early Evening with Miriam Margoyles** East London Central Synagogue, 30-40 Nelson Street, E1.

The Jewish East End comes to life in the words of its greatest writers. Miriam Margoyles will read extracts from Israel Zangwill (the Jewish Dickens), Sholem Asch and others (professional obligations permitting).  
One event £10 (concessions £8)  
Both Events £18 (concessions £15)  
Advance booking pls: Tel. 020 8909 2445 e-mail walks@jeecs.org.uk

Friday 3 - Sunday 5 September

◆ Event: **THREE-DAY RESIDENTIAL JEWISH EAST END WEEKEND**

Royal St. Katharine's Foundation (founded in 11th Century)  
Limehouse (next to Canary Wharf)

Arranged by Clive Bettington of JEECS for the Royal St. Katharine's Foundation

An opportunity for complete immersion in the culture and heritage of Jewish East End life in the 19th and 20th centuries. to include walks, talks, drama, Yiddish song and poetry; also visits to one of the East End's four remaining active synagogues. Clive Bettington will be resident programme director.

**8 pm Friday** - Programme for Residents to be announced **9 am Saturday** - Walk to the Congregation of Jacob Synagogue to attend a genuine Jewish East End service. On the way visit the Troxy cinema, popular entertainment venue for East Enders.

**3 pm Saturday** - Friends of Yiddish join the veterans who meet at Toynbee Hall every Shabbas afternoon to read Yiddish poetry, sing songs, tell stories and have tea (open to public - £3 book & pay in advance).

**7.30 pm Saturday** - Illustrated talk on the Yiddish Theatre in London by writer and theatre historian, David Mazower. Recitation and memories from special guest Anna Tzelniker, 'last lady' of the London Yiddish Theatre. Evening presented by JEECS in association with the Jewish Music Institute (JMI) International Forum for Yiddish Culture (open to public - £10 book and pay in advance). **Sunday morning** - A special walk around the Jewish East End (weekend residents only).

£175 includes 2 nights accommodation, in newly built en-suite bedrooms at Royal St. Katharine's (Limehouse), 6 meals and all entertainment. Clive will be at the venue all weekend, enabling residents to discuss the East End.

Booking with Michael Rutland (email michael@stkatharine.demon.co.uk or Tel 020 7790 3540). Further details and enquiries: Tel 020 8909 2445, email bookings@jeecs.org.uk or see JEECS website www.jeeecs.org.uk.

### GUIDED WALKING TOURS

#### JEWISH EAST END CELEBRATION SOCIETY

◆ Sunday 29 August 10.15 am - 1 pm Commercial Road: 'Pickles, Pimps and the Palais', guide Clive Bettington

10.15 am Tower Hill Underground Station £10 (concessions £8)

Advance booking pls: Tel. 020 8909 2445 email walks@jeecs.org.uk

From Tower Hill, where thousands of Jewish refugees first arrived, past the first shelters for new immigrants, the markets, synagogues and clubs to the Yiddish theatres.

◆ Monday 30 August 10.15 am - 1 pm

Spitalfields: 'Cigar Makers, Philanthropists and Artists', guide Clive Bettington

10.15 am Aldgate Tube Station Ticket Office £10 (concessions £8)

Advance booking pls: Tel. 020 8909 2445 email walks@jeecs.org.uk

The settlement of Dutch, West European and East European Jews fleeing persecution in the 19th and 20th Centuries - trades, institutions and artists Bomberg, Gertler and others.

#### SECRET LONDON WALKS AND VISITS

*All tours are led by qualified Blue Badge or City of London Guides (Diane Burstein,*

*Julian Romain and Rachel Kolsky)*

◆ **Historic Jewish Spitalfields**

11 am and 2.30 pm Meeting Place: Outside Aldgate Tube. £5 Booking not necessary Ring 020 8881 2933 or email diane@secretlondonwalks.co.uk with enquiries. Walk back in time through atmospheric Spitalfields to discover an old soup kitchen, historic synagogues, the site of a Yiddish Theatre and some of the best preserved early Georgian domestic architecture in the capital, while hearing about the history of the Jews in London.

◆ **Historic Stepney and Mile End**

11 am Meet at a convenient Tube Station, details to be supplied with booking confirmation. Booking essential. Numbers limited so book asap

£10 per person to include a sandwich lunch and coffee/tea. Ring 020 8881 2933 or email diane@secretlondonwalks.co.uk for booking form and further details.

Close to the busy Mile End Road is the delightful oasis of Stepney Green with its attractive terraced houses and green spaces. Features include the old Stepney Jewish school, a tenement

which housed a well known radical leader and a Victorian synagogue building. Visit the 17th century Sephardi Cemetery, hidden behind a high wall and rarely open to view. Finish the tour at B'nai B'rith's Stepney Jewish Day Centre, hear a talk on the Centre's work and enjoy your (pre-paid) sandwich lunch.

◆ **'Rabbis, Rothschilds and Rogues' Tour of Willesden Cemetery**

11 am Led by Elkan Levy £6 charge for tour, payable at door. Meet 11 am in Prayer Hall for Talk and Tour, ends approx. 1.30 pm Beaconsfield Road, London, NW10 To book a place ring 020 7387 5278, quoting Willesden Cemetery Tour

Historic United Synagogue cemetery, last home to the elite of the Anglo-Jewish community from Victorian times to the present.

◆ **'Jews Within The City Walls'**

The Story of the City of London's Jewish Community 1069-1880. 10.30 am and

2.30 pm Led by City of London Guide John Thei of Tycho Tours Meet Guildhall Yard, outside St. Lawrence Jewry, EC1 £5. Tel. 020 8904 6021. email tycho\_tours@hotmail.com London's medieval Jewish quarter - churches, synagogues and houses. Bevis Marks Synagogue and the Resettlement Jewish community.

**JEWISH EAST END CELEBRATION SOCIETY**

◆ 'The Dark Side of the Stepney Ghetto' Guided Walk led by Ed Glinert

(author of 'The Literary Guide to London' and 'The London Compendium')

Meet 2.15 pm at Tower Hill 2.15 - 4.15 pm £10 (concessions £8)

Advance booking pls: Tel 020 8909 2445 email walks@jeecs.org.uk

The more unsavoury aspects of the Jewish East End, including prostitution, murder and the Battle of Cable Street.

**EXHIBITIONS**

**Ben Uri Art Gallery, The London Jewish Museum of Art**

◆ Pre-Opening Tour of Alfred Wolmark Rediscovered Exhibition given by the curators Rachel Dickson and Sarah McDougall. Followed by drinks party to mark the opening. Tour of exhibition: 4.30 - 6.30 pm. Drinks Party: 6.30 - 8.30 pm 108a Boundary Road, St. John's Wood, NW8 Tel 020 8604 3991 T

**British Library Exhibition Galleries**

◆ 12 noon Guided Tour of the Library's unique collection of priceless historic Hebrew Illuminated Manuscripts (the only tour of the day.) 11.45 am Meet at Main Enquiries Desk of the Library. Pre-booking essential (deadline 20 August) Entry Free, but donations welcome - cheques to 'The British Library' Tel 020 7412 7646 or email ilana.tahan@bl.uk 96 Euston Road,

London, NW1 Library Opening Times 11 am - 5 pm D T L TD S

**The Jewish Museum, Camden History and Life of the Jewish Community**

◆ Exhibition "The Jews of Gibraltar"

◆ From 2pm Children's Rosh Hashanah Workshop £5 per child £3.00 Adults £2.50 Senior Citizens £1.50 Students, Disabled and Unwaged

129 Albert Street, Camden Town, London NW1 10 am - 5 pm D T TD S

**The Jewish Museum, Finchley History of Jewish Immigration and Settlement in London**

◆ Exhibition on life in the East End and Holocaust Gallery

The Sternberg Centre, 80 East End Road, Finchley, N3

10.30 am - 4.30 pm Entry £3 (concessions available)

D T TD S 4 - 6 pm

◆ Jewish Genealogy Workshop Jewish Genealogical Society, in conjunction with the Jewish Museum Discover your roots and maybe meet far distant cousins! Tel. 020 8349 1143

**NATIONAL**

**BIRMINGHAM Singers Hill Synagogue**

*The oldest functioning grand 'cathedral synagogue' left in Britain, designed by leading Birmingham architect Henry Yeoville Thomason. Grade II\**

◆ 2 - 4 pm Guided Tour(s) + Walk (weather permitting)

4.15 pm Lecture 5 pm Tea. No charge. Tel. for information: 0121 454 1215 Blucher Street, Birmingham 1. T P S

**BRADFORD**

**Bradford Synagogue (Reform)**

*A little-known 1880s Moorish gem.*

The oldest Reform synagogue outside London. Grade II.

Open Day for the General Public

Bowland Street, BD1

10 am - 3 pm T P S

**BRIGHTON**

**Middle Street Synagogue**

*Sumptuous interior of 1875. Victorian applied decoration at its best. Grade II\**

66 Middle Street, BN1

11 am - 4 pm D T S

(Synagogue currently undergoing refurbishment - please check with Synagogue Office before visiting - Tel. 01273 888855)

**BRISTOL**

**Bristol Hebrew Congregation**

*Unusual Victorian synagogue of 1871, designed by leading synagogue architect H. H. Collins of London.*

9 Park Row, Bristol. 10 am - 3 pm T S

**CHATHAM**

**Chatham Memorial Synagogue**

*Mid-Victorian eclectic synagogue, unique in Britain with a burial ground behind*

Grade II\* Listed

◆ Talk on history of community 366 High Street, Rochester, Kent, ME1

10 am - 12 noon 2 pm - 4pm T S

**CHELTENHAM**

**Cheltenham Hebrew Congregation**

*Delightful Grade II\* Listed Regency synagogue, with a simple Greek-style frontage, designed*

*by Cheltenham architect, William Knight, opened in 1839. The interior features an impressive dome in the style of Cheltenham Regency architecture.*

The Synagogue, St. James Square, Cheltenham, GL50.

11 am - 4 pm D T P

**EDINBURGH**

**Edinburgh Hebrew Congregation**

Rare modernist 1930s building, faced in red brick, by leading Glasgow architect James Miller. Grade B listed.

4 Salisbury Road, Edinburgh, EH16 10 am - 12 noon T TD S

**EXETER**

**Exeter Hebrew Congregation**

*Rare Georgian synagogue of 1763-4*

Synagogue Place, Mary Arches Street, Exeter, E4 10 am - 4 pm T S

**GLASGOW**

**Garnethill Hebrew Congregation**

*Scotland's oldest and grandest surviving synagogue, built in 1879, to designs by Glasgow architect John McLeod with Nathan S. Joseph of London, this year celebrating its 125th anniversary.*

◆ For Sunday School groups accompanied by teachers/adults.

Pre-booking essential:

(Write to Esme Shapiro, c/o Garnethill Synagogue, 129 Hill Street, G3 6UB)

Garnethill Synagogue, 129 Hill Street.

10am - 3 pm D T S

**MANCHESTER**

**Manchester Jewish Museum**

*Housed in the Moorish Grade II\* listed former Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue.*

◆ Exhibition of Tapestries  
◆ Exhibition 'Integration and Education'

190 Cheetham Hill Road, M8 Museum Shop Free Entry

10.30 am - 5 pm Disabled access to ground floor only. T S

**NOTTINGHAM**

**Beth Shalom Holocaust Centre**

Laxton, Newark, Notts. NG22 0PA  
◆ The Victoria Vincent Memorial Concert 7.30 pm Tickets £10

Tel. 01623 836627

Concert in memory of Holocaust

survivor Victoria Vincent, who was involved with the Smith family in setting up this unique centre.

**PLYMOUTH**

**Plymouth Synagogue**

*Built in 1762, the oldest Ashkenazi Synagogue in the English-speaking world.*

Grade II\* Synagogue Chambers, Catherine Street, PL1

◆ Historical and education lectures

10 am - 12 noon 2 - 4pm

**RAMSGATE**

**Montefiore Synagogue**

Honeysuckle Road, Ramsgate, Kent

Grade II\* listed Regency synagogue by the first Anglo-Jewish architect David Mocatta with the curious last resting place of Sir Moses Montefiore next door.

11.30 am - 1.30 pm T S

**YORK**

◆ 'Jewish Heritage Walk of York' Guided by 'York Walk'

10.30 am at Museum Gardens Gates, York (No need to book) £5

Students £4.50 Children £2

Private groups at any time. Ring Warwick Burton (Tel 01904 622303) to book D T P DT S

**OPENING ON SUNDAY 12th SEPTEMBER ONLY**

For national Civic Trust Heritage Open Days

**BIRMINGHAM**

**Singers Hill Synagogue**

*The oldest functioning grand 'cathedral synagogue' left in Britain, designed by leading Birmingham architect Henry Yeoville Thomason. Grade II\**

Pre-booking essential before Friday 10 September 2004. Tel. 0121 643 0884

Blucher Street, Birmingham, B1 10 am - 1 pm T P S

**LIVERPOOL**

**Princes Road Synagogue**

*Opened in 1874 and one of a handful of outstanding High Victorian synagogue interiors in the country. Grade II\**

◆ Guided tours at 10.30 am 12 noon

3 pm Admission Free Pre-booking essential. Tel. 0151 709 3431

Princes Road, L8

10 am - 4.30 pm T S

**CIVIC TRUST OPEN DAYS**

**10 - 13 September 2004**